

The Somersaulting Democracy.

EDITOR ADVOCATE:—A few years since had a person claimed that the democratic party was in favor of the national banking system, the gold standard, the bond issue, and protection, he would have been declared uninformed as to the isms taught by democracy, and truthfully. No doubt his attention would have been called to the fact that such were the doctrines of the republican party, and the writings of Jefferson and Jackson would have been drawn upon to show that democracy opposed these tenets.

In fact, in disproving the above claim, every newspaper, magazine or public utterance emanating from the representatives of the democratic party could have been cited as a rule to prove that democracy was opposed to the national bank, the single gold standard, or protection. In fact, the teachings of the democratic party up to the election of the "Stuffed Prophet," as is shown by the party's last national platform, was yet of the olden type. But no sooner in possession of the law-making departments of the government—and presto change! The silver dollar of the "daddies" is disowned by its originators and treated as though of that "stuff that dreams are made of." At once it becomes in the mouths of noble democrats a dishonest dollar, a 60 cent dollar, a worthless dollar that must be suppressed. The gold coin only must be the dollar of the righteous, and none but the debased will defend any other, at least in the payment of debts to the lords of the republic.

Of course silver coin, paper currency, or even bank scrip is good enough for the laborer, who was once "worthy of his hire," but for the gamblers that wallow in their ill-gotten gains such debased stuff won't do, for "great is Diana of the Ephesians."

And thus we behold democracy eating its own words as to finance. But not yet satisfied, these great exponents of true democracy now rudderless, conclude that notwithstanding the fact that there has been more failures in business, more deaths from starvation, and more people tramping the country seeking and not finding work, than in any time during the life of the nation, that the people are yet liable to become immoral, owing to their prosperous condition, therefore their secretary of the treasury at once proceeded to adopt another republican doctrine for saving the people by issuing 5 per cent. bonds. Of course the dear people must be saved, and for fear that the above remedy is not all sufficient in preventing immorality from over prosperity, these gods demand that the poor national banker be loaned on his bonds \$1 for every dollar invested in nontaxable interest-bearing government bonds, deposited with the government, and the excessive rate of one-half of 1 per cent. every six months paid the government by the banks after loaning their notes to the prosperous farmers, laborers and business men for from 10 to 60 per cent. (that's the rate generally here) should be reduced to one-fourth of 1 per cent. In order that this point become plain, I quote the Kansas City Times of January 28, 1894:

The first of these recommendations made by Comptroller Eckels is that every national banking association be authorized to issue its circulating notes equal to the par value of the United States bonds deposited.

The second recommendation, which would also remove certain burdens from the banks and would accrue to the use of the people in the way of cheapening the rates of interest, is that the semi-annual duty on circulation be so reduced as to equal one-fourth of

1 per cent. per annum. There is no reason for a higher rate of interest since there are practically no losses on circulation whatever, and the 1 per cent. tax on circulation now levied is not required to be used by the government to meet the expenses for which the tax was originally laid.

This is democratic reform. The banks, Eckels says, are burdened by paying 1 per cent. and should pay only one-fourth. Will some democratic reformers tell the readers of the ADVOCATE how the people can afford to pay the banks 10 to 60 per cent. if the banks cannot stand 1 per cent.? And if the government can afford to furnish circulation to the bankers at one-fourth of 1 per cent. and pay interest on the banker's bonds in advance in gold, why will it bankrupt the government to furnish it to the people at 2 per cent. on approved security and have no interest to pay the people?

Don't say because the people cannot give proper security, for they are doing it every day, as the banker's business shows. Neither can you say the people's security fluctuates and the banker's does not, for such is not the fact. Bonds fluctuate daily and would only represent the amount borrowed, while the people's security would represent at least one-third more value than the notes received, giving a broad margin for fluctuation, besides an insurance policy, completely securing every dollar.

But why issue bonds while there remains about \$700,000,000 in the United States treasury in gold, silver and paper currency, in addition to the power possessed by congress of issuing millions more when required? Simply that the rich be legislated richer.

As to the tariff question, we read daily of the audiences given the representatives of the protective industries by the democratic committee. The question of revenue only has been abandoned and protection placed in its stead. Thus we behold modern democracy not only defending the doctrines that they have always denounced, but used every means just and unjust, in an effort to mould into laws these very doctrines. History does not record such a complete political somersault performed by so many actors in so short a time. One is forced to believe that these political ringsters have concluded that they bit off more than they can masticate, therefore seek to cause their own defeat next fall, in order to be relieved of responsibility. Then as of old one can blame the other and thereby more easily deceive the people. These political incompetents may thus fool the people and restore to partial power the other twin, but instead I think they will select men more practical and less professional, while the outgoers will be branded "deficit," that hereafter they will be known of all men. In fact, I believe the name democratic, as applied to Grover Cleveland's party, should be changed to deficit.

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Elk County Alliance.

EDITOR ADVOCATE:—Elk County Alliance met at the court house in Howard January 31, and, notwithstanding it was a cold stormy day, there were representatives from all parts of the county present. State President Hanna and Brother Alonzo Wardall were guests of the Alliance and presented the subjects as outlined in program in an able manner. Brother Wardall exemplified the secret work during the morning session.

At the close of the open meeting, a short executive session was held, at which the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, First—That we heartily endorse

and second the action of the grand masters of the Knights of Labor in attempting to enjoin the secretary of treasury from issuing \$50,000,000 of gold bonds, and that we deem it the duty of all labor organizations to assist to prevent the issue of such bonds.

Resolved, Second—That we condemn in the strongest and most emphatic manner the action of the secretary of the treasury in attempting to create an interest-bearing debt, by the issue of bonds, while millions of uncoined silver lies in the treasury.

IRVING F. JAGGARD.

Corresponding Secretary.

THE OMAHA DEMANDS.

FINANCE.

First—we demand a national currency, safe, sound and flexible, issued by the general government only, a full legal tender for all debts, public and private, and that without the use of banking corporations, a just, equitable and efficient means of distribution direct to the people at a tax not to exceed 2 per cent. per annum, to be provided as set forth in the sub-treasury plan of the Farmers' Alliance, or a better system; also by payments in discharge of its obligations for public improvements.

We demand free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1.

We demand that the amount of circulating medium be speedily increased to not less than \$50 per capita.

We demand a graduated income tax. We believe that the money of the country should be kept as much as possible in the hands of the people, and hence we demand that all state and national revenue should be limited to the necessary expenses of the government economically and honestly administered.

We demand that the postal savings bank be established by the government for the safe deposit of the earnings of the people and to facilitate exchange.

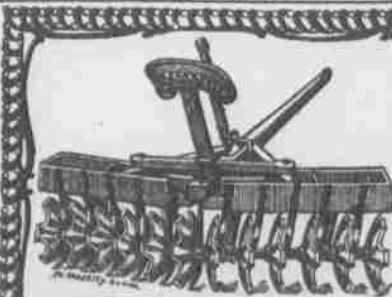
TRANSPORTATION.

Second—Transportation being a means of exchange and a public necessity, the government should own and operate the railroads in the interest of the people.

LANDS.

Third—The land, including all the material resources of wealth, is the heritage of the people, and should not be monopolized for speculative purposes, and alien ownership of land should be prohibited. And lands now held by railroads and other corporations in excess of their actual needs, and all lands now owned by aliens should be reclaimed by the government for actual settlers only.

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